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5. (Amended) The composition of claim 1 wherein the copolymer used has a content in styrene comprised between 20 and 40% by weight.

6. (Amended) The composition of claim 1 wherein the vinyl content in the SEBS rubber used is higher than 25%.

7. (Amended) The composition of claim 1 wherein the polymer molecular weight is comprised between 30,000 and 110,000.

8. (Amended) Use of a composition according to claim 1 as a cable filling material.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment amends Claims 3-8 so that these claims are no longer multiply dependent in order to reduce the official fees due in connection with this application. The Applicants may elect to amend Claims 3-8 to make these claims again multiply dependent, or to add additional claims to this application to provide coverage similar to, broader than, or narrower than the present claims at any time during the pendency of the above-identified U.S. application.

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(VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE)

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Please amend Claims 3-8 as follows:

3. (Amended) The composition of claim 1 [or 2] wherein the proportions of the components are: mineral oil from 70 to 90% and radial hydrogenated SEBS synthetic rubber from 2 to 15% and from 0 to 12% by weight polyethylene wax.

4. (Amended) The composition of [anyone of claims 1 to 6]claim 1 wherein the styrene butadiene radial copolymer is synthesized through coupling with Cl₄Si or CL₄Sn.

5. (Amended) The composition of [anyone of claims 1 to 4]claim 1 wherein the copolymer used has a content in styrene comprised between 20 and 40% by weight.

6. (Amended) The composition of [anyone of claims 1 to 5]claim 1 wherein the vinyl content in the SEBS rubber used is higher than 25%.

7. (Amended) The composition of [anyone of claims 1 to 6]claim 1 wherein the polymer molecular weight is comprised between 30,000 and 110,000.

8. (Amended) Use of a composition according to [anyone of claims 1 to 7]claim 1 as a cable filling material.